



CANCER BURDEN

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,268,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 16,000 in Connecticut.
- 553,400 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 7,000 in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Connecticut: 161.3 **National:** 168.3

Connecticut ranks 34th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Connecticut.
- 1,900 men and women will die of lung cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Connecticut	National
Overall	43.9	48.7
White	43.9	48.5
Black	48.6	58.4
Hispanic	13.2	19.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.3	23.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	30.6

BREAST CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,500 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Connecticut.
- 500 women will die of breast cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Connecticut	National
Overall	25.1	24.2
White	24.8	23.8
Black	31.7	30.9
Hispanic	11.6	14.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	11.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	12.5

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,600 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Connecticut.
- 700 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Connecticut	National
Overall	16.2	16.9
White	16.1	16.4
Black	18.5	22.6
Hispanic	6.9	10.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	10.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10.8

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,500 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Connecticut.
- 400 men will die of prostate cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Connecticut	National
Overall	21.3	23.7
White	20.1	21.7
Black	49.0	52.1
Hispanic	-	15.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	9.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	13.4

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2001. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2001. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1993–1997.

³ Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1994–1998.

⁴ Some data were excluded because there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.